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Dear King Members, Friends, and Family:

Before I update you on the latest information about COVID-19 on our campus, I must begin by imploring you to please follow the guidance of public health officials to protect yourself and others from the COVID-19 virus. This is a highly contagious virus that can have terrible consequences for many people. It can also be sneaky, as some will not experience symptoms and others get very, very ill. Therefore, it is so important to continue to stay home as much as possible, wear a mask when out and maintain at least six feet from others, and wash our hands frequently. These are the only known ways we can do our part to prevent its spread.

I know you have heard this before, so why did I begin this way today? Over the weekend, we had four more staff test positive for COVID-19. This brings us to a total of eight staff with COVID-19. Most of these are individuals who work with the men and women who call King home. The men and women who have served us and who we now take great pride in serving. The only way they can get sick is if someone brings the virus on campus. Right now, we have nine members (eight live in Olson Hall and one in MacArthur) with the coronavirus. Sadly, we had a death of a member over the weekend related to the coronavirus. It is a point of pride for those who work at King that we are like a family. It hurts us all when one of our family passes. This is why we must all do our part.

The number of COVID-19 cases in the state continues to rise. COVID-19 activity in Waupaca remains **high**. Just a few days ago, in Wisconsin, we had a record high number of COVID-19 cases reported.

Please, help us spread the word about how important it is for all of us to do our part in protecting our staff and members from this virus.

Today we begin another round of universal testing for coronavirus. We assure you we are doing all we can to help people recover and to prevent its spread through strict infection control efforts.

Sincerely,

Tammy Servatius, Commandant